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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 763

FOR HARROP FROM THOMPSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, DM
SUBJ: VISIT TO COTONOU

REF NAIROBI 7837

1. I HAVE CONFIRMED ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR ARRIVAL WITH BENINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THEY WILL ARRANGE FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AT NIGERNA/BENIN BORDER. I WILL BE AT FRONTIER AT 9:00 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 26, AND WE CAN DRIVE TO COTONOU TOGETHER. EVEN ALLOWING FOR SLIPPAGE IN SCHEDULE, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE BACK IN LAGOS BEFORE DARK.

2. SINCE BENINESE HAVE BEEN TIED UP WITH STATE VISITS -- SEKOU TOURE WHO ARRIVES TOMORROW WILL BE THIRD HEAD OF STATE OF VICE PRESIDENT TO VISIT COTONOU IN THREE WEEKS -- THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF TALKS. THEREFORE, IN THE COURSE OF CONFIRMING VISIT ARRANGEMENTS TODAY WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS AGBO, I STRESSED THAT BENNETT CASE WOULD BE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. AGBO SAID THAT MINISTRY IS ALREADY AWARE OF THIS AND THAT A MINISTER WOULD BE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE MATTER.

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3. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FRIDAY MORNING. THOMPSON

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